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DEPT PSE SEND TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION COLLECTIVE  
  
FROM A/S SHATTUCK

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR  
TAGS: PHUM, OTRA, UNHRC-1, RW, TZ, BY  
SUBJECT: UNHRC SPECIAL SESSION ON RWANDA; VISIT TO  
GENEVA BY A/S SHATTUCK

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REF: A.) GENEVA 4221; B.) GENEVA 4211

1. (C) FOR WASHINGTON: REFTELS REPORT ON  
POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL SESSION OF UNHRC ON RWANDA.  
THIS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT SIGNAL, DEMONSTRATING THAT  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TAKES SITUATION IN RWANDA  
SERIOUSLY. AT MY MEETING WITH OAU SYG SALIM SALIM, HE  
MADE POINT THAT THE MASSACRES IN RWANDA ARE NOT JUST A  
RWANDAN OR AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS CATASTROPHE BUT A  
UNIVERSAL ONE. THERE MUST BE A CLEAR MESSAGE BY THE  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONDEMNING GROSS VIOLATIONS OF

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HUMAN RIGHTS IN RWANDA. IN THAT REGARD, SALIM WELCOMED THE REFERENCE IN THE UNSC PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT CITING INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

2. (C) A SPECIAL SESSION COULD, AT THE MINIMUM, ENDORSE CALLS FOR A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO EVENTS IN RWANDA AND SUGGEST THAT UN HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVERS BE INCLUDED IN ANY UN PRESENCE. IT MIGHT ALSO DEAL WITH BURUNDI, APPEALING FOR CONTINUED CALM THERE, AND COMMENDING BURUNDIANS FOR THEIR HANDLING OF AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND VOLATILE SITUATION. HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS COULD ALSO BE USEFUL IN BURUNDI.

3. (C) I STRONGLY ADVISE THAT INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED EXPEDITIOUSLY SUPPORTING SUCH A SESSION AND THAT WE WORK TO GET THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ON BOARD.

4. (C) I AM ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT UNHCHR AYALA LASSO TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR HIS DECISION TO TRAVEL TO RWANDA NEXT WEEK AND TO BRIEF HIM ON MY MEETING WITH  
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OAU SYG SALIM SALIM ON HIS VIEW OF THE URGENCY OF INITIATING A HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATION INTO GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN RWANDA. GENEVA: PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO AYALA LASSO AND URGE HIM TO CONTACT SALIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO HEAR HIS VIEWS DIRECTLY.

5. (LOU) FOR GENEVA: SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED IS FINE. HCHR AYALA LASSO SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN 10 AM ICRC, ET AL MEETING, IF HE WISHES TO ATTEND.

6. (LOU) PLEASE NOTE THAT AMB. DAVID RAWSON MAY ACCOMPANY A/S SHATTUCK AND GO ON TO PARIS. SHATTUCK AND KAUFMANN HAVE RESERVATIONS ON TWA 891 DEPARTING AT 1:45 PM SUNDAY.

7. (LOU) I WILL BE WILLING TO MEET WITH THE PRESS TO DISCUSS ENTIRE TRIP. GIVEN LATE ARRIVAL AND LONG TRIP, SUNDAY WOULD BE PREFERABLE.

8. BUJUMBURA, MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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